

Memo to South Fork Wind Draft Permit Docket – Meeting with Orsted North America
November 9, 2021 – 1:30-2:00PM, EST

Meeting Attendees:

1. Bryan Stockton, Orsted
2. Stephen Fotis, VanNess Feldman – Orsted legal counsel
3. Britt Fleming, VanNess Feldman – Orsted legal counsel
4. Jessica Montanez, EPA OAQPS
5. David Putney, EPA OAQPS
6. Megan Brachtel, EPA OAQPS
7. Brian Doster, EPA OGC
8. Pat Bird, EPA Region 1
9. Eric Wortman, EPA Region 1
10. Undine Kipka, EPA Region 1
11. Gregory Dain, EPA Region 1

Meeting Notes:

- Orsted:
 - Did not schedule this meeting to talk about the specifics of the South Fork permit.
 - Plan to submit written comments on the South Fork Wind permit, including comments supporting the decision for not requiring offsets for construction emissions.
 - Wanted to give us a heads up that the South Fork Wind project is on a tight deadline and that Orsted wants EPA to move the OCS permit towards finalization as soon as the comment period closes. Orsted is concerned about the permit being stayed if the offsets decision or any other decision in the permit is challenged through the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB). Suggested that the offset issue could be taken out of the final South Fork Wind permit and addressed through national guidance.
 - Wanted to know who the appropriate EPA contact should be for the South Fork Wind permit moving forward.
- EPA:
 - Region 1 is the lead and contact for any future questions about the South Fork Wind permit. Keeping OAR Headquarters in the loop is helpful as we work to resolve issues that arise.
 - Can give Orsted information (through Region 1) about who commented on the draft South Fork permit and what were their comments once the public comment period closes.
 - Is aware of the South Fork Wind desire to obtain a permit expeditiously. Region 1 interacts with the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC).
 - Received one supportive comment to date on the South Fork Wind Draft Permit.